

## IN THE CLAIMS

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended)** A curing composition comprising:

(A) a polymerizable cyclic structure-containing component comprising a compound (a-1) which is an oxirane compound having 2 to 50 alicyclic epoxy groups in a molecule and, optionally,

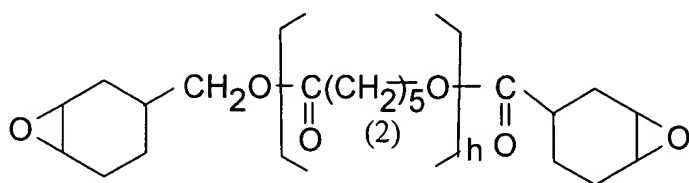
a compound (a-2) having one polymerizable cyclic structure in a molecule, and

(B) 0.01 to 2 5 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of the above component (A), of a zinc triflate,

the above polymerizable cyclic structure-containing component (A) having an average polymerizable cyclic structure equivalent (number average molecular weight/number of polymerizable cyclic structure in a molecule) falling in a range of 100 to 1000.

**Claim 2 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 3 (Currently Amended)** The curing composition as described in claim 1 2, wherein the oxirane compound has ~~having~~ an oxirane ring is selected from the group consisting of (3,4-epoxycyclohexyl)methyl-3,4-epoxycyclohexanecarboxylate, bis(3,4-epoxycyclohexylmethyl) adipate, bis(3,4-epoxycyclohexylmethyl) ether of ethylene glycol, compounds represented by the following formula (2):



and the homopolymers or copolymers of 3,4-epoxycyclohexylmethyl (meth)acrylate or the caprolactone-modified compound of 3,4-epoxycyclohexylmethyl (meth)acrylate.

**Claim 4 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 5 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 6 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 7 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, wherein

the compound (a-1) has a number average molecular weight falling in a range of 140 to 50,000.

**Claim 8 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, wherein the compound (a-1) has a polymerizable cyclic ether structure equivalent (number average molecular weight/number of polymerizable cyclic ether structure in a molecule) falling in a range of 70 to 3,000.

**Claim 9 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, wherein the polymerizable cyclic structure in the compound (a-2) is a cyclic ether structure, a cyclic ester structure, a cyclic amide structure or a cyclic iminoether structure.

**Claim 10 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, wherein the compound (a-2) has a number average molecular weight falling in a range of 70 to 1,000.

**Claim 11 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, wherein the compound (a-2) is selected from the group consisting of oxiranes, oxetanes, oxolanes and lactones.

**Claim 12 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, wherein the polymerizable cyclic structure-containing component (A) has an average polymerizable cyclic structure equivalent falling in a range of 120 to 700.

**Claim 13 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, wherein the polymerizable cyclic structure-containing component (A) comprises the compound (a-1) of 20 to 100 parts by weight and the compound (a-2) of 0 to 80 parts by weight each per 100 parts by weight of the total of the compound (a-1) and the compound (a-2).

**Claim 14 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, wherein the polymerizable cyclic structure-containing component (A) comprises the compound (a-1) of 40 to 100 parts by weight and the compound (a-2) of 0 to 60 parts by weight each per 100 parts by weight of the total of the compound (a-1) and the compound (a-2).

**Claim 15 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 16 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 17 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 1, further comprising water.

**Claim 18 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 17,

comprising water of 0.1 to 250 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polymerizable cyclic structure-containing component (A).

**Claim 19 (Original)** The curing composition as described in claim 17, wherein the polymerizable cyclic structure-containing component (A) is dispersed in water.

**Claim 20 (Withdrawn)** A method for forming a cured coating film, comprising applying the curing composition as described in claim 1 and curing it by heating.

**Claim 21 (Withdrawn)** A method for forming a cured coating film, comprising applying the curing composition as described in claim 1 on an uncured thermosetting colored layer and then curing it by heating.

**Claim 22 (Withdrawn)** The method as described in claim 21, wherein the colored layer is formed by applying a water-based color coating composition.

**Claim 23 (Withdrawn)** The method as described in claim 21, wherein the colored layer is formed on a car body.

**Claim 24 (Withdrawn)** The method as described in claim 21, wherein the curing composition as described in claim 1 is used for a coating composition.

**Claim 25 (Withdrawn)** A cured coating film formed from the curing composition as described in claim 1.

**Claim 26 (Withdrawn)** A coated article obtained by using the curing composition as described in claim 1.